

**Murray History Advisory Board  
Minutes for April 24, 2012**

Attendance: Peter Steele, David Adams, Wendy DeMann, Ted McBride,  
Mary Ann Kirk (staff)

Excused: Ian Wright, Susan Wright

1. Minutes for March 27, 2012 were approved as written.
2. Mary Ann reported the Oasis Apartments appeal was turned down. However several board members reviewing the appeal told those attending that they had a good case and should continue discussing the issue. One of the neighbors, Sage, called Mary Ann to see if there was anything they could do to have more control of their neighborhood. Mary Ann suggested she call Kirk Huffacker from the Heritage Foundation to discuss conservation districts. This is a legal mechanism that can be passed as a city ordinance that allows neighborhoods to create committees to oversee defined elements within a district. Sage did call the Heritage Foundation and liked what she heard. Mary Ann suggested she talk to her own neighbors to see if they would support this type of oversight. If there was strong support, we could approach the city with this idea. The City Council would have to decide if they agreed with this option. Mary Ann did send a letter created by Peter and approved by the history board to the city council to review the ordinance related to height.
3. During 2011, there were 16 buildings over 50 years old that were demolished - 11 on the inventory and 5 on the register.
4. Mary Ann submitted a grant application for a oral history project. We are currently working on an RLS survey of the south and northwest sections of the city and a website listing of our register as part of a grant.
5. Murray History and the city building department cosponsored five neighborhood meetings regarding seismic safety upgrades to historic homes as part of the Utah Shakeout events. About 30-40 people attended four of the meetings. One of the meetings involving the historic downtown area had no one attend. Mary Ann was unsure if the date and time was a problem or if they felt they already had enough information since Mary Ann has included these types of issues in newsletters. The building department was willing to do additional meetings if there was an interest.
6. Peter reported that the home at 602 E 4800 South should be labeled a "b" designation since it had an add-on to the rear and there were a few minor alterations. It didn't really qualify under the criteria for our register. He also said the Cottonwood Street Study has been completed.
7. A man called with a number of artifacts from his grandfather who worked at the smelter. He was also a farmer and worked as a volunteer fireman. We may develop a new exhibit

that tells the story of Murray through his eyes.

8. Mary Ann shared the minutes from the design review committee regarding the old Iris Apartments at 4973 South State. It was obvious they don't have all the information and understanding regarding historic preservation issues including the national registry and tax credits. Mary Ann also questioned why they were discussing the finances and wanted clarification about who had the authority to consider hardship defined in the ordinance especially when they created their own hardship by altering the structure without the design review process. In the past, it was the history board that compiled that information which was provided as a recommendation to the Planning and Zoning. She suggested we meet with the design review committee. Board members wanted to be involved with that discussion.
9. History award ideas for historic preservation month in May were discussed. Wendy said the summer storytelling program using Murray stories by Clive Romney was nice. Peter made a recommendation to recognize a few of the owners in the historic district who have taken good care of their historic homes. Everyone liked this idea. Peter will drive around and come up with a list of suggestions which will be forwarded to board members. They can then take a drive and cast their votes for the top 2-3. We can recognize them at a city council meeting in May or June where we can also report our activities and demolitions for the year.